

CHRISTOPHER A. BRAY of New Haven, Vermont, is currently serving his first term in the Vermont Senate (2013-2014) and has previously served two terms as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives (2007-2010). Chris graduated from the University of Vermont (BA, Zoology, 1977; MA, English, 1991), where he taught for four years in the English Department. Chris then worked at National Life of Vermont, IBM, Intel, and Apple. Chris founded and still operates Common Ground Communications, which provides writing, editing and production services to technical clients and the book publishing industry. Chris and his family operate an 82-acre farm in New Haven.

In 2006, Chris graduated from the Governor Richard Snelling Center for Government's Vermont Leadership Institute. In 2009, Chris was elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont. Chris was a lead sponsor of Vermont's Farm to Plate Program and the Biomass Energy Development Working Group, which he co-chaired until 2011.

In 2009, Chris received the Vermont Natural Resource Council's Legislative Leadership Award. In 2010, Chris received the Council of State Government's Toll Fellowship. In 2012, Chris was appointed to the Vermont State Supreme Court's Professional Responsibility Program.

Chris's other current and past service includes the United Way of Addison County (Board of Directors); Middlebury Rotary Club; Vermont Milk Commission (Secretary); Rural Economic Development Working Group (Chair); Vermont Forestry Study Group; NCSL Agriculture & Energy Committee; Justice of the Peace; New Haven Board of Civil Authority; and Middlebury Area Land Trust (past President).